देश में खादी और ग्रामोद्योग

533. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री शमशेर सिंह सुरजेवाला:

क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:—

(क) देश में कितने खादी और ग्रामोद्योग हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार के पास इन उद्योगों के लिये कोई निगरानी प्रणाली है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन उद्योगों को और अधिक प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये कोई नई पहल कर रही है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (घ) खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग ने अपने क्षेत्राधिकार में देश में ग्रामोद्योगों के विकास हेतु 114 उद्योगों की पहचान की है।

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग ने प्रत्येक राज्य में खादी और ग्रामोद्योग कार्यक्रमों के कार्यन्वयन की प्रगति की निगरानी करने हेतु राज्य स्तरीय बोर्डों का गठन किया है। खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग द्वारा अपनी मासिक बैठकों में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग कार्यकलापों की समीक्षा भी की जाती है। जब कभी भी आवश्यक होता है तब उद्योग मंत्री के स्तर सहित विभिन्न स्तरों पर सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा बैठकें भी आयोजित की जाती हैं। राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों को भी अपने-अपने राज्यों में नियमित आधार पर खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग से सहायता प्राप्त योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन की निगरानी व समीक्षा करने का अनुरोध किया गया है।

Revival of Jessop and Co. Ltd.

534. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR in its hearing on Jessop and Co. Ltd. on the 27th October, 1997 has given one month time to Government to inform the Bench whether Government is interested in reviving the company found to be viable by O.A. and the Bench.

(b) whether refusal of infusion of Rs. 25 crores from Government is the only impediment in sanctioning by scheme by BIFR;

(c) whether any other step viz. seeking time, would only lead to change in management/owner by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) In the last hearing on 27.10.97 on revival of Jessop, BIFR directed the Government to ascertain the views of FIs/Banks for accepting conversion of additional amount of interest into term loan so as to arrive at the specific amount of fresh funds required to be inducted alongwith Government's views on that. Four weeks time was given for that purpose.

(b) Sanction of the scheme is contingent upon final views of the Government of India and Operating Agency etc.

(c) In case of non-agreement of the concerned parties to the revial scheme, BIFR is empowered to adopt any measure as it may deem fit.

(d) Consultations with Banks/ Operating Agency have already been completed. Proposal for approval of Competent Authority has been formulated any concerned Department/ Ministry have been asked to convey their views immediately.

Impact of cut in plan expenditure on Industry

535. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the five per cent cut in plan expenditure announced by Government is likely to cause recession as feared by Industry; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The 5% cut in the Central Plan Expenditure (excluding externally aided projects) is expected to lead to a saving of about Rs. 1800 crores. This amount to 0.16% of GDP at market prices in 1995-96. At the current level of GDP the proportion would be even lower.

Autonomy to Navaratnas

536. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant full autonomy to the Navaratnas among public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the areas of management in respect of which such autonomy is proposed to be granted;

(c) whether these enterprises are proposed to be taken out of the purview of Government vigilance, audit and investigating agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government have, subject to certain guidelines and stipulations, granted enhanced financial, functional and operational autonomy to Navaratna PSUs inter-alia to incur capital expenditure, to enter into joint ventures, to set up strategic and technological alliances, to raise funds from capital markets, to formulate and implement the schemes of human resources management etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Industrial policy for the North-eastern region

537. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering formulation of a separate Industrial Policy for the north-eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be arrived at in this regard;

(d) the details of benefits expected from this policy; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government and will be announced very soon.

Review of power projects by FIPB

538. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major power projects pending for review before Foreign Investment Promotion Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date since pending;

(c) the number of projects cleared by the Board so far; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) At present, no proposal relating to power projects is before the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for review. However, the following proposals